



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
TERRI LYNN LAND, SECRETARY OF STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
LANSING

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**Meeting  
of the  
Board of State Canvassers**

**August 21, 2008**

**Lansing Center  
Banquet Room 1  
Lansing, Michigan**

**Called to order:** 10:12 a.m.

**Members present:** Erane C. Washington-Kendrick - Chairperson  
Norman D. Shinkle – Vice Chairperson  
James L. Waters

**Members absent:** Lyn R. Bankes

**Agenda item:** Consider meeting minutes for approval.

**Board action on agenda item:** Motion to approve as submitted. Moved by Waters; supported by Shinkle. Ayes: Washington-Kendrick, Shinkle, Waters. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Canvass and certification of the August 5, 2008 primary.

**Board action on agenda item:** Motion that Board certify the results reported for the primary and place the names of the nominated candidates on the November 4, 2008 general election ballot. Moved by Shinkle; supported by Washington-Kendrick. Ayes: Washington-Kendrick, Shinkle, Waters. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion that Board designate Bureau staff members to act as its representatives at any recounts which must be conducted under the Board's authority. Moved by Washington-Kendrick; supported by Waters. Ayes: Washington-Kendrick, Shinkle, Waters. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consider AutoMark Voter Assist Terminal v. 1.3.2904 with AIMS software v. 1.3.57 submitted by Election Systems & Software of Omaha, Nebraska for approval for use in Michigan.

**Board action on agenda item:** Motion that Board approve the AutoMark Voter Assist Terminal v.1.3.2904 with AIMS software v.1.3.57 submitted by Election Systems & Software for use in Michigan. Moved by Washington-Kendrick; supported by Shinkle. Ayes: Washington-Kendrick, Shinkle, Waters. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consider initiative petition filed by Stem Cell Research BQC, P.O. Box 20216, Lansing, Michigan 48901.

**Board action on agenda item:** Motion that Board determine the initiative petition filed by the Stem Cell Research BQC sufficient. Moved by Washington-Kendrick; supported by Waters. Ayes: Washington-Kendrick, Shinkle, Waters. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Agenda item:** Consider initiative petition filed by Reform Michigan Government Now!, 1501 North Shore Drive, Suite C, East Lansing, Michigan 48823.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Secretary reported that the staff report on the canvass of the petition was being withdrawn pursuant to the Appeals Court Order issued on August 20, 2008 under Citizens Protecting Michigan's Constitution, et. al v Secretary of State and Board of State Canvassers. No Board action taken.

**Agenda item:** Assign ballot designations to statewide ballot proposals qualified to appear on the November 4, 2008 general election ballot.

**Board action on agenda item:** Motion that Board assign the following designations to the two statewide proposals qualified to appear on the November 4, 2008 general election ballot:

Coalition for Compassionate Care: 08-1  
Stem Cell Research: 08-2

Moved by Washington-Kendrick; supported by Waters. Ayes: Washington-Kendrick, Shinkle, Waters. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Determination of ballot wording for the two statewide proposals identified below:

**Proposal 08-1:** After the acceptance of testimony, a motion was entered to approve the following ballot language:

**A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO PERMIT THE USE AND  
CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA  
FOR SPECIFIED MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

The proposed law would:

- Permit physician approved use of marijuana by registered patients with debilitating medical conditions including cancer, glaucoma, HIV, AIDS, hepatitis C, MS and other conditions as may be approved by the Department of Community Health.

- Permit registered individuals to grow limited amounts of marijuana for qualifying patients in an enclosed, locked facility.
- Require Department of Community Health to establish an identification card system for patients qualified to use marijuana and individuals qualified to grow marijuana.
- Permit registered and unregistered patients and primary caregivers to assert medical reasons for using marijuana as a defense to any prosecution involving marijuana.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Moved by Waters; supported by Shinkle. Ayes: Washington-Kendrick, Shinkle, Waters. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Proposal 08-2:** After the acceptance of testimony, a motion was entered to approve the following ballot language:

**A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO  
ADDRESS HUMAN EMBRYO AND HUMAN EMBRYONIC  
STEM CELL RESEARCH IN MICHIGAN**

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Expand use of human embryos for any research permitted under federal law subject to the following limits: the embryos --
  - are created for fertility treatment purposes;
  - are not suitable for implantation or are in excess of clinical needs;
  - would be discarded unless used for research;
  - were donated by the person seeking fertility treatment.

- Provide that stem cells cannot be taken from human embryos more than 14 days after cell division begins.
- Prohibit any person from selling or purchasing human embryos for stem cell research.
- Prohibit state and local laws that prevent, restrict or discourage stem cell research, future therapies and cures.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Moved by Shinkle, supported by Waters. Ayes: Washington-Kendrick, Shinkle, Waters. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Public comment.

John La Pietra, Elections Coordinator for the Green Party of Michigan, addressed the Board to express his concerns that the Green Party was not permitted to place challengers in the polls in Allegan County during the conduct of the August 5, 2008 primary.

William D. McMaster, President of McMaster Marketing & PR, addressed the Board to express his concerns over the certification of the January 15, 2008 presidential primary.

**Adjourned:** 12:44 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Vice-Chairperson

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Date